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THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DRAWN POINTS.

ON CERTAIN ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 per cent.  
" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

WILLIAM FOREST,  
Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, £1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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LOCAL BILLS DISBURSED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,  
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Offices of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £23,000,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £40,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Berger,  
PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYON, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, MELBOURNE.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLENTIN,  
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1880.

## Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

NOTES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DRAWN POINTS.

At 3 months' notice 3/4 per Annum.  
" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "  
" 12 " " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,  
Acting Manager.  
Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M. ERNST IUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to sign our firm for Procurement.

PUNTAU & CO.  
Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no18

### NOTICE.

M. THOMAS GIBB WILLIAMSON has been authorized to sign our firm in Hongkong from this date.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.  
Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no1

### NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr JOHN PATRICK LALOR to sign the name of our firm.

MARIGESSON & CO.,  
Macao, 5th October, 1880. no6

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed sole Agents of the ELLIOTTS' MALT COMPANY, Firmers am, for Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880. dell

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

E X S H A W ' S B R A N D Y,  
First Quality.

GILMAN & CO.  
Hongkong, October 22, 1880. no22

### FOR SALE.

MUNIZ' PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEET-ING, all sizes.

AND COMPOSITION NAILS, in Lots to suit Purchasers.

G. R. LAMMERT,  
Lamert's Wharf Buildings,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1880.

### FOR SALE.

J U L E S M U M M & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE,  
Quarats, £10 per doz. Cases.  
Pints, £17 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

### FOR SALE.

MULLER FRERES' CELEBRATED OLD BRANDY, in Cases of 1 doz. Qts.

Apply to HESSE & CO.,  
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, Sept. 1, 1880. 11as1

Also,

JAPAN Seltzer  
Manufactured by  
J. L. LEWELLYN & CO.

J. JAPAN SPRING  
WATER AT THEIR  
STEAM-POWERED WATER  
FACTORY, Shangha.

Agents in Hongkong—MESSRS LANE,  
CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, July 31, 1880. 31as1

Ninth Volume of the  
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E. G. VOULLENTIN,  
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1880.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

#### HAVE FOR SALE,

Ex "GLAMIS CASTLE" AND "GLENAGEALS."

## CARTRIDGE CASES.

### CARTRIDGE MACHINES.

### CARTRIDGE BELTS.

### CARTRIDGE EXTRACTORS.

### THICK and THIN WADS.

### SHOT—All Sizes.

### POWDER—(Pigou & Wilks).

### DRAM FLASKS.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS,

### LAST MAIL FOR HOME POSTAGE 17th PROXIMO.

Hongkong, October 21, 1880.

## Intimations.



TENDERS will be RECEIVED at this Office up till Noon of WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, for Executing REPAIRS to the ROOF of the CANTERBURY'S SHED, Royal Naval Yard, according to Specification and Conditions, which can be seen on Application to the Naval Storekeeper.

The lowest, or any Tender, will not be necessarily accepted.

E. B. JOREY,  
Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. Naval Yard,  
Hongkong, October 11, 1880. no27

THE "F A R E S T."

The ISSUES of 1878 WANTED,  
Apply at this OFFICE.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office will be Held at the Office of the Undersigned, No 7, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at half past Two o'clock p.m.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents,  
Canton Insurance Office.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no28

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer  
"Emy,"

Captain BLANCO, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMBRIDOS & CO.,  
Hongkong, October 20, 1880. no24

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED BY  
AMERICAN MAIL.

Prime Eastern CHEESE.  
Young America CHEESE.  
Fine Apple CHEESE.  
California BUTTER.  
HOPS and MALT.  
Lamb's TONGUES.

Soused Pigs' FEET.  
Split PEAS.  
Assorted JAMS.  
Assorted VEGETABLES.  
Assorted MEATS.  
Assorted SOUPS.

CODFISH.  
Pig's Head CHEESE.  
Devilled HAM.  
CAVARE.  
California Gold-n-YRUP.  
CIDER.

Whittaker's HAMS.  
Breakfast BACON.  
COMB HONEY in Frame and  
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.  
PICKLED PIG'S FORK.  
Baconed C. FISH.  
Salmon B. LILIES.  
MACKEREL.

Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. Tins.  
Borden's Condensed MILK (very fresh).  
CalifORNIA BISCUITS in Oats and Tins.  
Ginger CAKES.  
MILK BISCUITS.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Water BISCUITS.  
Alphabet BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Buckwheat FLOUR.  
CORNMEAL.  
RYE MEAL.  
HOMINY, Small and Large.  
CRACKED WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.

SHELLBACK NUTS.  
PECAN NUTS.  
WALNUTS.  
SOFT SHELL ALM. NDS.  
PEA NUTS.

## Canned Table Fruits.

Bartlett PEARS.  
PEACHES.  
GREENGAGE'S.  
APRICOTS.  
QUINCES.  
&c., &c.

Tart FRUITS.  
Smoked BEEF.  
Smoked OX-TONGUES.  
Compressed OX-TONGUES.  
Mixed MEAT.  
Compressed Corned BEEF.  
Assorted JELLIES in Glass Jars.  
Mixed PICKLES.  
Assorted PICKLES.  
Corned BEEF.  
Queen's OLIVES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Sausage MEAT.  
California SARDINES.  
POULTRY and BEANS.  
Yeast POWDER.  
Smoked SALMON.  
POULTRY in 200lb. Barrels.  
BEEF in 20lb. Barrels.  
Fruit BUTTER.  
Butter BEANS.  
Brown BEANS.

We have the following FOR SALE in  
Large or Small Quantities in Bulk.

Fine Valentines RAISINS.  
Fine Pears CURRANTS.  
Sugars FIGS.  
Good Breakfast TEA at 20 cents per lb.  
Fine MIXTURE in 5 & 10 Catty Boxes

CROISSANT & BLACKWELL'S  
HOUSEHOLD STORES

JOHN MOIR & SONS  
CELEBRATED PRESERVES

We beg to direct special attention to our  
well-advised Stock of

Wines, Spirits, &c.

THIAGO & CO.'S MUSCAT, Pts. & Qts.  
Moss (Jules) CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts.  
CHARLES HANSTEIN'S, WHITE SEAL,  
Pins and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAROZE (CHOCHE & ALEX.).  
Pins and Quarts.  
CHATEAU LAFITE, Pins and Quarts  
IRES GRAVES, Pins and Quarts  
BREAKFAST CLARET, Pins & Quarts  
OLD INVALID CLARET.  
St. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

1, 2 and 3-star HENNESSY'S Brandy, La  
Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer  
& Co.'s Brandy, Rouyer Guillet &  
Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;

Fine Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recom-  
mended. Kinahan's Ll. Irish Whisky,  
Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal  
Glendee Whisky;

AVH GIN, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom  
GIN, La Grande Chartreuse, Green  
and Yellow, Maraschino Zara,  
Orange, Pts. & Qts., Ango-  
stura, Boker's and Orange  
Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAW-  
YERS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.  
BUKE, Pints and Quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.

DRAGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

Fine ALE, bottled by MacE, F. & Co.  
ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Hogsheads  
and Kilderkins).

SHIP'S STORES and SAIL-MAKING.  
Hongkong, October 8, 1880.

## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MÉSAGERIES  
MARITIMES  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAISE.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAIFER, AND  
MARSHALLS;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

IN WEDNESDAY, the 27th October,  
1880, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. SINHAI, Commandant Lengren,  
with MALES, PAQUEBOTS, SAILED  
from BANGKOK, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and so  
copied in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Cargo will be received on board, until  
4 p.m. Specie and packages until 3 p.m., on  
the 26th October, 1880. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be  
left at the Agency's office.)

Contents and value of packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

GE DE CRAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
London, October 14, 1880.

## Intimations.

## THE WONDER OF THE WORLD.

Good News for all  
PROF. HERMAN'S  
WORLD-RENEWED.

VERMIN DESTROYER!

Which is to be  
Far Superior to anything you discovered

For killing.

Rats, Mice, Insects on Poultry, Ants,  
Bees, Cock-chafer, Black Beetles, Fleas  
on Dogs, Birds and Insects on Plants,  
Moths in Fruits, Tick or Seab on Sheep or  
Goats also on Cattle, &c., &c.

This preparation has been applied with  
great success against the Insects that attack  
the C. I. P. Plants, and would doubtless be  
equally effective with the tree Plants.

S. S. (L) N. P. C. KETS.

At One Shilling per pocket; or six Packets  
for Five Shillings.

The Powder is warranted free from all  
bad smell, and will keep in any climate.

It may be spread anywhere without risk, as  
it is quite harmless to Cats or Dogs, as  
they will not eat it.

DIRECTION FOR USE ON EACH  
PACKET.

MANUFACTORY:  
GRAVEL L. N. H. Houndsditch,  
CITY OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

The above one does very good service for Prof.  
Herman's Silver Prize Medal at the  
Inter Colonial Exhibition of Victoria,  
Australasia, of 1880, besides numerous Testi-  
monial.

Hongkong Agents: F. BLACKWELL & CO.

W. H. TUTTERMAN, Victoria, Australia

Tjebu, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155.

SAFETY HOME.

SAFETY CLOTHING, BOOKS, or  
PAKES will be thickly received  
at the above 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1880.

GE DE CRAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 14, 1880.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship  
"Amoy"

Captain G. H. DREWES,

will be despatched for the  
above Port on MONDAY, the 25th Inst., at  
2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIMMENS & CO.

Hongkong, October 23, 1880.

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## DEPARTURES.

Oct. 23, Dorset, for Levuka.

23, Denonshu, for Shanghai.

23, Mefeo, for Canton.

CLARET.

Hainan, for Hoihow, &c.

Yaffung, for Haiphong.

Amoy for Shanghai.

Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

ARRIVED.

PASSENGER.

ARRIVED.

THE CHINA MAIL DISPENSARY,  
Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' NURSERY, NURSERY REQUISITES,

TEA, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,

AMERICAN, and FRENCH PATENT

MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

Boda Water, Lamoude, Tonie Water,

Gingerade, Potas Water, Sarsaparilla

Water, and other Aromatic Waters.

63 The Manufactory is under direct

and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

PASSENGER arriving in Hongkong, or any  
other persons who may desire to consult the files of local, China, American,  
English, Indian or Australian newspapers, are invited to call at the  
"CHINA MAIL" Office, where over  
sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies,  
from the United States, England, France, Germany, &c., are now filed for  
reference.

BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on the 14th Oct., the Wife  
of MARCUS EDWIN TOWELL, of a Daughter.

DIED.

On the 22nd October, at his residence,  
D'Aguilar Street, at 10.30 p.m., Mr. J. D.

DA SILVA & SOUZA.

At the publication of this issue commenced  
at 8.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 1880.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For HAI PHONG, at

8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 24th Inst.

For AMoy and MANILA, at

9 a.m. To-morrow, the 24th Inst.

For SHANGHAI, at

1.30 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For HAI PHONG, at

4.30 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For AMoy, at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For MANILA, at 6 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For HAI PHONG, at 7 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For AMoy, at 8 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For MANILA, at 9 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For HAI PHONG, at 10 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For AMoy, at 11 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For MANILA, at 12 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For HAI PHONG, at 1 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For AMoy, at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For MANILA, at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For HAI PHONG, at 4 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For AMoy, at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

For MANILA, at 6 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst

## THE CHINA MAIL.

scution for espionage in connection with subject. Mr. Sonzy was the author of *Enseine Litteraire*; and at the time his death had several large and subversive schemes in hand which would have given greater fame to his name. He is a generous, genial man, and those who him best will miss him most. He has suddenly, having been debarred from any work for less than a couple of days before his execution, Death is proud to have arisen from heart disease, leaves a widow and a grown-up family mourn his death, at the early age of 44.

The funeral took place this afternoon (23rd), when large and influential classes showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

LATE advices from Paris describe the condition of Foreign mercers there as getting from bad to worse. The most recent move on the part of Government, to enter into the lists with the shippers of silk bought with paper advanced upon it, specie by one of the foreign Banks, has had the effect of paralyzing all trade. For a Government to trad on their own depreciated paper is a sign that things cannot well be much than they now are; and the only chief improvement appears to rest in the ability that one or other of the more esteemed members of the Japanese Government may be led to take a decided stand, seal his voice against the encroachment at present threaten the most serious crisis to the trade of the Empire is said that the hopes of those who like the welfare of the nation most at present to the Prince Arisugawa, who recently appointed to be the Minister in rank to the Prime-Minister (S. o.). This nobleman is credited with the people's friend, and if report faithfully his programme is extensive and bold and thorough-going. Repressive government, the resumption of payments, the abolition of monopolies and trading, and generally bring about necessary reforms, are the objects which statesman has nearest at heart. His, therefore, is by no means an easy and the opposition which he in certain circumstances must be nearly incurable. If the above be a true sketch of position of affairs, it is not surprising here that dissensions in the Cabinet are constant. There is, however, a strong and well-informed circle that may be won over for Japan, as the Prince's base of the Mikado. Experience will prove to be a powerful teacher to the progressive but often mistaken Japanese.

REFERRING to the letter of Col. Musby, which we reprint elsewhere, *Philadelphia Times* has the following its leading column:—

Colonel Musby pays his respects to some of the less reconstructed Confederate brigadiers in a letter which shows that writes as he shot, with considerable indelicacy. The exact relations of this distressed trooper to the military organization he left are not clear to the public of the present day, but it is not a little curious that when he was more deeply exonerated in North than any other Confederate officer, Virginia, should now be holding offender a Republican administration, and letters to defend his Confederate rank from the aspersions of Southern Demos.

The following telegram was sent, Oct. 4th, regarding the St. Legumen by of interest to local sportsmen:—

Read or started as the favorite at the St. Legumen at the odds of 1, 8, 4, 1 against Robert the Devil, Hippodrome, 20 the Abbot, Robert the Devil by 10 three lengths.

The following also ran—Beaufort, Maryland colt, Zelot, Jersey Hatt, Novice, Apollo, Napoleone and Incis. Read or finished sixth, though looking doubtful in health.

The Japan Gazette has the following on the recent State elections:—

A telegram was received to-day by General Van Buren detailing the result of the elections in two important states, Ohio and Indiana. In Ohio the republican majority is 20,000 with fifteen congressmen; and in Indiana a republican majority of 8,000 with eight congressmen. These states return respectively twenty and twenty-one representatives to Congress, and have time past the result of the Indiana electoral contest has been regarded as the atom of the presidential election. The republican majority must now be assured and the election of General Garfield a foregone conclusion.

The Rangoon Gazette has the following telegram from Thayetmyo, dated the 1st and 24th ult.; of the facts they set out, we have not heard from any other quarter:—

Sept. 23.—A rumour has reached here that several men have been massacred in the palace at Mandalay. The queen mother and one of her daughters are accused of carrying on a liaison with some of the young men about court, and thirty arrests have been made of persons supposed to be implicated in the intrigue. King Theebaw is reported to be greatly enraged at the discovery, but the arts and executions are being conducted with the utmost secrecy to avoid a scandal in connection with his relatives, and it is very difficult to obtain accurate information. A prisoner in the jail has died to-day of cholera; another case is reported in the town. Two passengers died of the same disease on board the steamer *Portuguese* who was two days ago from Mandalay.

Sept. 23.—Two more deaths have taken place in the jail from cholera, and other six prisoners have been attacked by the disease. One death is reported in town, and also two in a bat moored at the river bank. In consequence of this outbreak the details of the 43rd L. I. which were to have left Rangoon for Thayetmyo to-morrow have been stopped and two companies of the same regiment have been ordered across to Allamaymyo make room in the barracks for the two companies who came across this week for military instruction, and who have been quartered in tents. No cases have occurred amongst the troops.

CRICK-T.  
HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB & ARMY AND NAVY.

The mate's was continued to-day, by the "out" of the previous evening. Leigh increased his score to 71 before being caught by Bennett, and will be remeasured with his first-balling display.

The Army and Navy, with the rather large total of 200 against them, began badly, but on a stand was secured, and then stand off and on, and Charlop also had a bad day for his runs, 127 however was their total, and following on were all out for 94, Charlop again hitting well, and Bridgeman showing a superb defence.

The Club had now 21 runs to get, but time only admitted 12 being made.

During the afternoon, the Band of the Regiment played a selection of music.

The following is the full score:—

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.  
First Innings.

H. de C. Forbes, b. Bennett,	2
W. Hynes, b. Dakin,	16
W. M. Doon, b. D. Ikin,	23
H. Whyte, c. Bridges, b. Bennett,	5
A. R. Blandy, c. Bridges, b. Bennett,	26
C. S. Barff, b. Dakin,	1
J. S. Fazal, b. Bridges,	1
K. L. Leigh, c. Bennett, b. Bridges,	71
G. M. Price, c. Newington, b. Bridges,	23
A. J. Easton, not out,	13
J. Caldwell, b. Dakin,	4
Byes 4, leg byes 3, wides 6, ...	13

200  
Wickets down, —1 for 10; 2 for 24; 3 for 45; 4 for 47; 5 for 61; 6 for 56; 7 for 74; 8 for 138; 9 for 194; 10 for 200.

## Second Innings.

W. Hynes, b. Charley,	3
K. L. Leigh, not out,	2
A. R. Blandy, not out,	1
Hynes 4, leg byes 1, wides 1, ...	6

12  
ARMY AND NAVY.  
1st Innings.

W. B. Bridges, a. M. D. Blandy,	4
R. C. Prothero, c. Deane, b. Blandy,	8
W. S. Lane, r. a. b. Hynes,	40
F. S. Newington, c. Ezekiel, b. Blandy,	2
L. Chapman, r. a. b. Hynes,	5

12  
LAWCENY OF WOOD.

Li Ahin, 54, coolie, was convicted of stealing a plank of wood on the 22nd inst., from a house in course of erection at the Queen's Road, and was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Chun Akin, a singer, was remanded yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct, was fined twenty-five cents, in default to be imprisoned for forty-eight hours with hard labour.

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ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

Kan Shin Chou, 33, boatman, was fined \$2, in default to be imprisoned for five days with hard labour, for causing an obstruction by gambling in the public street on the 22nd inst.

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

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## THE BRITISH FLEET IN CHINA WATERS (Japan Gazette)

We have read with considerable surprise an article in the *Hongkong Daily Press* of September 11th last, commenting upon the structures which have lately been made by the Chinese and Japanese press upon the condition of the British fleet in these waters. The article is written with an unwarrantable tone of superior knowledge; it is couched in terms of the worst possible taste, frequently bordering upon offensive vulgarity; and its assumptions are, in nearly every case, entirely incorrect.

The writer of the article—*who has been hoaxed*—praises the flag-ship *Iron Duke* exculpates Admiral Coote, gives Sir E. J. Reed a certificate of character, and flippantly heaps contempt upon the opinions of all other journalists who have ventured to deal with the discreditable state of her Majesty's naval forces, forming the *China fleet*. We may ignore the impertinences of our contemporary, and deal at once with its assertions. On one point, namely, the ability of the Hongkong dockyard to patch up the *Iron Duke* after her second mishap during her present commission, there is no necessity to differ, but upon most of the other subjects dealt with, knowing what we have written, we intend to join issue.

In the first part of the article the *Iron Duke*, whose elements we do not wish further to discuss, has strength attributed to her that she does not possess. The *Daily Press* speaks of "new modes of armour," whereas the vessel has but a few plates of eight inches, and the rest of her armour is but six inches. At the ends of the plates are rivets. With this preliminary error before us, the censure addressed to the *China Mail* and other papers for daring to "offer opinions upon subjects concerning which they are totally ignorant," savours, we think, of presumption.

In the same paragraph the *Amherst China Daily News* is taken to task for its "praiseworthy structures" on Admiral Coote's temerity, but for the accidents of a change of wind and raising high tide, would have cost the British government the loss of an ironclad, a vessel though never very good and now obsolete, would have been equal to service on coastguard service for some years. We know of no reason why the navigation and movement of ships of war should be exempt from the regulations to which merchant vessels are subjected, and we are quite in a quandary with the *North China Daily News* because it is not the function of a heavy flag-ship, drawing 25 or 26 feet of water, to make a seemingly purposeless ramble in a desolate, and only partially, if at all, surveyed, region where the island of Okushiri-sima is situated. Without any intention to prejudice the case, we have no hesitation in repeating that if the exploration of the coast of Yezo is the object of the cruise, a much smaller vessel than the *Iron Duke* should have been chosen. What insurance company, we may ask in all sincerity, would have covered a merchant vessel like the *Iron Duke*, or say the *Oceanus*, for a cruise on the west coast of Yezo? And if one of business hesitated to accept the risk why should Her Majesty's ships incur it and still be free from a moderate and moderate contumacy? The whole of the west coast of Japan, particularly north of the 40th degree, is known to abound with dangers, not the least of which are the impenetrable fogs that in the opinion of an experienced navigator, "are the scourge of that coast during the summer."

The *Iron Duke* had undoubtedly been ashore before the last accident, with what effect can be seen by any one who regards the gentle homely and graceful drows towards the bow, and while the ship is in such condition any repairs done to her cannot be regarded in any other light than as mere patchwork.

After some irrelevant allusions to the brave men who have perished, but whose lives might have been saved had a more rigid system of inspection prevailed over the class of vessel allowed to go to sea, the *Daily Press* makes a direct attack upon us for calling attention to the unfitness of H. M. S. *Vigilant*, for a voyage in the beginning of the stormy season. Quoting a paragraph from the *Japan Gazette* of August 11th, the *Daily Press* adds, "If this is not a piece of impertinence we would like to know what it is." Our contemporary will probably be surprised to learn that the seaworthiness of the *Vigilant* was not decided upon by the writer of the paragraph in which the state of the vessel is set forth. Before we hazarded any opinion on the matter several trustworthy authorities were consulted, one of whom holds a semi-public position of much maritime importance in this port. Reference to the last named authority left no possible doubt as to the unseaworthy state of the *Vigilant*. "If she were a merchant ship" our informant said, "she would not be permitted to go to sea in her present condition, or until after the summer season, say the middle of October." She can only use one paddle; that is, she is partially disabled and utterly unfit to encounter the sea and wind likely to prevail in northern Chinese waters at this season." In calling attention to this we performed a public duty; and we now re-assert unhesitatingly that had the *Vigilant* been a merchant steamer action could have been taken to prevent her leaving the port, or, at all events, an investigation would have been made to put an end to suspicions about her condition. If Admiral Coote had been the first seaman of any age we should have expressed the same opinion; and it is impossible to avoid the reflection that, if any accident had happened to the *Vigilant* following the *Eurydice* and *Alatana*, Admiral Coote would have been in a distressing position. We were not, however, singular in our views about this vessel. When the intention to send the *Vigilant* to sea was known,

all the English papers here protested simultaneously, and more vigorously, if possible, than we did. The *Japan Herald* of August 11th condemned the proposed despatch of the ship in strong terms, of which we extract the following:

A rumour was current yesterday which, at first, seemed too improbable to be believed, but which we assured is true. We allude to the fact that H. M. S. *Vigilant* is to set to sea in the middle of the typhoon season, crippled as she is, only to ride out the storm in the harbour. We are in a constant anxiety the officials acting for the Board of Trade here, would take very good care that she never left this harbour until she had a proper repair.

The *Vigilant* has, notoriously, been lying here for some time disabled, and a small gunboat had to come out to take up the admirals' orders to H. M. S. *Vigilant*. We must therefore protest against the risk of both life and property incurred in sending the *Vigilant* away at present. We trust that the *China Mail* and other papers, forming the *China fleet*, will make no effort to deter her away. Owing to the want of time, we could not say whether any accident happened, there is no possible way, in the present position of the English in patching up the *Iron Duke* after her second mishap during her present commission, there is no necessity to differ, but upon most of the other subjects dealt with, knowing what we have written, we intend to join issue.

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